Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Tilmann called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Tilmann and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Brian Anderson, Middle Michigan Development Corporation President gave a quarterly update for the Corporation. Discussion ensued.

Additions to Agenda

Item #14: “Receive information from Colin Baenzinger & Associates regarding the Mt. Pleasant City Manager Recruitment Schedule.” was added to the agenda.

Item #15: “Closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.” was added to the agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
3. Minutes of the Airport Advisory Board (January).
4. Information from City Attorney on Citizen Initiated Charter Amendment.
5. Requested information on Redevelopment Liquor License for 200 E. Broadway.

Item #11: “Consider Resolution from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance Program.” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 10, 2014.
2. Bid of Peerless-Midwest of Ionia, Michigan in the amount of $21,638.70 with a total not-to-exceed amount of $40,000 for the Well 6 Rehabilitation Project.
3. Bid of Culy Contracting, Inc. of Winchester, Indian in a not-to-exceed amount of $100,000 for the 2014 Manhole Rehabilitation Project.
7. One-year contract extension with Mid Michigan Industries (MMI) for Curbside Recycling Collection Services at a monthly cost of $4,314.04 until March 31, 2015.
8. Set a Special Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission for Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Planning Commission’s Annual Report and review goals.


Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the Resolution to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program and authorize the Mayor to sign said Resolution. Motion unanimously adopted. (City Commission Exhibit 1-14)

Commissioner Joslin recused himself from the matter of easement for Pickens Field due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to approve the easement to R&N Company for access to 710 N. Washington from Pickard and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign same.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Joslin
Motion carried.


Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous
NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Tilmann
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Vice Mayor Holton asked for further information on the water run notice that was sent out to residents. Interim City Manager Ridley explained the contents of the notice and how it was broadcast.

Commissioner Rautanen asked for further information on the need to continue running water when the weather is getting warmer. Public Works Director Zang explained why it is necessary to keep the water running.

Mayor Tilmann advised the commission that if there are questions on agenda items before regular meetings to please submit them ahead of time so that staff has time to prepare answers.

The Commission recessed at 7:42 p.m. and went into a closed session at 7:49 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:39 p.m.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:40 p.m.

Sharon Tilmann, Mayor                      Jeremy Howard, City Clerk
Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 4:42 p.m., at Cheers Neighborhood Grill & Bar.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Tilmann and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Joslin(4:50), Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard, Directors Feldhauser, Mrdeza and Zang

Facilitator: Marilynn Semonick

WORK SESSION – To allow members of the Commission and Senior Management Team to work with facilitator Marilynn Semonick to gain clarity on future priorities.

Facilitator Marilynn Semonick led a discussion with the Commission and Senior Management Team on future priorities.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Tilmann adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. without objection.

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